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REPORT:

[To accompany Senate bill No. 334.]

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That these claims, together with several others, were reported for confirmation, on the 1st day of November, 1824, by the register and receiver of the southwestern district of Louisiana. That, subsequently, viz: on the 24th day of May, 1828, Congress passed an act confirming all the other claims of the same nature, and suspended these five, as is expressly stated in said confirmatory act, "until it is ascertained whether they are situated within the limits of the lands claimed by the Caddoe Indians." The claimants, in order to remove the doubt existing on that point, and, consequently, the objection to confirming lands to which the Indian titles had not been extinguished, produce now the certificate of the chiefs, warriors, and headmen of the Caddoe tribe of Indians, in which they state, positively, that their lands never included those here claimed, and that they never, at any time, set up any claim to them, or interfered with their occupation by the claimants. Those facts are corroborated by the certificates of other citizens, living in the same neighborhood, having no interest in the claims, who establish the fact of undisturbed possession by the claimants, for many years. The committee, therefore, recommend the confirmation of said claims, and ask leave to introduce a bill to that effect.

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